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Colorado Trends

September is normally a good month for the State's work force and it was just that this year. The number of working Coloradans reached a record high while unemployment declined for the second month in a row. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell one-half of a percentage point to 4.5 percent. The current rate is well below the 5.1 registered one year ago and is the lowest recorded in 16 years.

Total employment moved upward by almost 31,000 to 1,669,500 in September, topping the previous high reached in both May and June of this year. The strong gain was the result of new hiring in some industries plus employers keeping their seasonal workers on the payroll a little longer. Last year in September, just over 1,600,000 persons were employed.

Increased hiring or at least stable employment conditions in nearly every sector of the State's economy have gradually reduced unemployment to relatively low levels much of the year. This was again the case in September as the number of jobless persons fell to an estimated 78,700, 7,200 below August and 8,100 fewer than a year ago.

Improved labor force conditions were evident in most areas around the State during September. Fifty of Colorado's 63 counties registered lower unemployment on a seasonally unadjusted basis. The most noticeable improvements occurred in the San Luis Valley where the 1990 potato harvest got underway. Higher jobless rates were recorded in some of the mountain resort areas as the summer tourist season neared its end.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's unemployment rate edged upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.7 percent in September. The number of jobless persons rose about 100,000 to 7.1 million. Total civilian employment, at 117.9 million, gained close to 200,000 after losing 700,000 in the prior two months.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment jumped 7,100 in September to 1,507,900. The increase was slightly better than normal for the August-September period. Government showed its usual large seasonal gain (up 17,800) with the start of the new school year. All other major nonfarm industry sectors were lower over the month. Losses in contract construction, trade, finance, insurance and real estate and services, however, were smaller than seasonally expected. Mining, manufacturing, and transportation and public utilities were weaker than normal for the period. Total wage and

salary jobs in the State numbered 1,479,300 one year ago. Government's big gain was concentrated in the educational subsectors of state and local government. State education rose by 8,300 and local education by 14,100.

Construction (down 900) displayed signs of underlying strength in September, declining by less than normal for the month. The industry got some good news recently with the release of a new study on apartment vacancy rates in the Denver Metro Area. The report supplied by the Apartment Association of Metro Denver showed that vacancy rates in the six-county area declined from 10.2 percent in the third quarter of 1989 to 7.4 percent in the third quarter of 1990. Although this has no direct relationship with future construction it is a good leading indicator of the demand for housing and the general economy's health.

Trade employment (down 1,300) was bolstered by a 200 over the month gain in wholesale trade along with a 600 increase in food stores. The big loser over the month was the seasonal decrease in eating and drinking places (down 2,000).

Finance, insurance and real estate (down 800) and services (down 6,200) both lost jobs during September, but fewer than expected for the period. One bright spot in services in the past year has been hotels and other lodging places. This subsector has added 2,300 jobs since September 1989. While almost all of these jobs have occurred outside the Denver Area a new survey shows that the occupancy rate at Denver-area hotels has climbed to 63.6 percent in September from 59 percent a year earlier.

Mining (down 200), manufacturing (down 1,000) and transportation and public utilities (down 300) all fell by more than expected during September. Within manufacturing, however, some strength can be found in nondurable goods over the past twelve months, specifically, food and kindred products (up 600), printing and publishing (up 1,000) and chemicals, petroleum and coal products (up 600).

After showing little change for the past quarter, labor market conditions in the **DENVER MSA** improved considerably in September as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped six-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3. Last year at this time the rate stood at 4.9 percent. Total employment exhibited its largest monthly increase in over a year, up almost 14,000 to 857,700. An estimated 33,100 more local residents are working than one year ago. Meanwhile, after adjusting for usual seasonal patterns, the number of jobless fell 5,300 to 38,200. The current estimate of unemployment is 4,300 lower than last September.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment advanced 5,600 over the month to 841,900, an increase of 19,200 from one year ago. The increase was better than anticipated for the August-September period as seasonal cutbacks in many industries were smaller than expected. Only government (up 9,600) actually added workers during the month as hiring for the start of a new school year occurred. With the exception of mining (no change), all other industries trimmed payrolls. Services (down 1,300) showed the greatest strength after seasonal adjustment, although finance, insurance and real estate (down 100) and construction (down 100) also exceeded seasonal expectations.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	JUN 1990	SEP 1989	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1748.2	1724.5	1745.9	1688.4	23.7	2.3	59.8
Unemployment	78.7	85.9	88.1	86.8	-7.2	-9.4	-8.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.1	---	---	---
Employment	1669.5	1638.6	1657.8	1601.6	30.9	11.7	67.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1502.3	1501.2	1500.9	1473.4	1.1	1.4	28.9
Mining	19.1	19.3	19.5	19.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6
Contract Construction	58.3	58.0	59.2	58.2	0.3	-0.9	0.1
Manufacturing	193.7	194.3	194.4	193.1	-0.6	-0.7	0.6
Durable Goods	119.2	119.8	120.3	121.3	-0.6	-1.1	-2.1
Nondurable Goods	74.5	74.5	74.1	71.8	0.0	0.4	2.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	93.0	93.2	93.3	93.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0
Trade	369.9	368.6	367.4	359.4	1.3	2.5	10.5
Wholesale	81.7	81.1	81.0	80.2	0.6	0.7	1.5
Retail	288.2	287.5	286.4	279.1	0.7	1.8	9.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.7	96.4	96.3	95.7	0.3	0.4	1.0
Services	397.3	396.0	392.5	381.9	1.3	4.8	15.4
Government	274.3	275.4	278.3	272.5	-1.1	-4.0	1.8
Federal	55.8	56.1	57.5	55.8	-0.3	-1.7	0.0
State	66.2	65.3	67.0	65.2	0.9	-0.8	1.0
Local	152.3	154.0	153.8	151.7	-1.7	-1.5	0.6
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	895.9	887.3	884.9	867.1	8.6	11.0	28.8
Unemployment	38.2	43.5	43.3	42.5	-5.3	-5.1	-4.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	---	---	---
Employment	857.7	843.8	841.6	824.6	13.9	16.1	33.1
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	837.8	835.8	832.2	819.1	2.0	5.6	18.7
Mining	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.5
Contract Construction	34.7	34.0	34.1	30.8	0.7	0.6	3.9
Manufacturing	95.8	96.5	96.3	95.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.4
Durable Goods	49.9	50.2	50.4	50.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6
Nondurable Goods	45.9	46.3	45.9	45.0	-0.4	0.0	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	68.0	67.9	68.2	67.5	0.1	-0.2	0.5
Trade	204.4	204.6	202.3	200.7	-0.2	2.1	3.7
Wholesale	56.8	56.4	56.1	56.2	0.4	0.7	0.6
Retail	147.6	148.2	146.2	144.5	-0.6	1.4	3.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64.0	63.5	63.4	63.8	0.5	0.6	0.2
Services	228.4	227.5	225.2	219.7	0.9	3.2	8.7
Government	131.3	130.6	131.4	129.3	0.7	-0.1	2.0
Federal	33.0	33.4	33.8	32.7	-0.4	-0.8	0.3
State	27.5	27.4	27.5	27.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
Local	70.8	69.8	70.1	69.4	1.0	0.7	1.4
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	137200	135210	136760	133910	1990	440	3290
Unemployment	4710	5140	5420	5210	-430	-710	-500
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.9	---	---	---
Employment	132490	130070	131340	128700	2420	1150	3790
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	191400	190210	192990	187530	1190	-1590	3870
Unemployment	11250	12510	12820	11920	-1260	-1570	-670
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.4	---	---	---
Employment	180150	177700	180170	175610	2450	-20	4540
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	99710	99760	100200	95670	-50	-490	4040
Unemployment	4010	4360	4520	4590	-350	-510	-580
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.8	---	---	---
Employment	95700	95400	95680	91080	300	20	4620
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	74160	72890	74170	70900	1270	-10	3260
Unemployment	3320	3750	4110	3740	-430	-790	-420
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	---	---	---
Employment	70840	69140	70060	67160	1700	780	3680
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	52590	52720	52590	49800	-130	0	2790
Unemployment	3260	3600	3530	3630	-340	-270	-370
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.8	6.7	7.3	---	---	---
Employment	49330	49120	49060	46170	210	270	3160

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1746.8	1755.6	1685.4	-8800	61400
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	67.3	80.9	74.2	-13600	-6900
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.6	4.4	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1679.5	1674.7	1611.2	4800	68300
Nonagricultural 5/	1630.9	1621.2	1570.5	9700	60400
Agricultural	48.6	53.5	40.7	-4900	7900
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1507.9	1500.8	1479.3	7100	28600
GOODS PRODUCING	276.9	279.0	276.9	-2100	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	1231.0	1221.8	1202.4	9200	28600
MINING	19.4	19.6	20.0	-200	-600
Metal Mining	3.4	3.4	3.7	0	-300
Coal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.2	12.3	12.5	-100	-300
CONSTRUCTION	62.5	63.4	62.4	-900	100
General Building Contractors	13.8	13.9	14.3	-100	-500
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	12.0	11.9	10.7	100	1300
Special Trade Contractors	36.7	37.6	37.4	-900	-700
MANUFACTURING	195.0	196.0	194.5	-1000	500
Durable Goods	120.0	121.0	122.2	-1000	-2200
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	6.8	6.8	6.7	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.9	8.0	8.0	-100	-100
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	14.3	14.4	14.2	-100	100
Computer & Office Equipment	19.4	19.7	21.3	-300	-1900
Instruments & Related Products	19.9	20.0	19.6	-100	300
Nondurable Goods	75.0	75.0	72.3	0	2700
Food & Kindred Products	26.5	26.7	25.9	-200	600
Meat Products	8.2	8.2	8.1	0	100
Dairy Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Beverages	7.9	8.0	7.5	-100	400
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	300
Paper & Allied Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	100
Printing & Publishing	24.9	24.4	23.9	500	1000
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	9.6	9.9	9.0	-300	600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	93.5	93.8	93.5	-300	0
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	21.5	21.3	20.6	200	900
Transportation by Air	18.3	18.7	18.8	-400	-500
Communications	28.1	28.2	28.5	-100	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.5	12.5	12.4	0	100
TRADE	371.3	372.6	360.7	-1300	10600
Wholesale Trade	81.9	81.7	80.4	200	1500
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	50.8	50.7	50.0	100	800
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	31.1	31.0	30.4	100	700
Retail Trade	289.4	290.9	280.3	-1500	9100
General Merchandise Stores	31.3	31.3	30.0	0	1300
Food Stores	43.6	43.0	42.8	600	800
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	30.6	30.8	30.1	-200	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.5	14.5	14.5	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	110.1	112.1	107.7	-2000	2400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	96.5	97.3	95.5	-800	1000
Depository Institutions	25.4	25.4	25.6	0	-200
Insurance	28.3	28.3	27.9	0	400
Real Estate	24.5	25.1	23.8	-600	700
SERVICES	396.5	402.7	381.1	-6200	15400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	33.7	35.6	31.4	-1900	2300
Personal Services	15.8	15.8	15.7	0	100
Business Services	82.3	82.6	79.9	-300	2400
Computer & Data Processing Services	17.8	17.6	17.5	200	300
Motion Pictures	4.6	4.7	4.1	-100	500
Amusements & Recreation Services	22.5	25.3	20.5	-2800	2000
Ski Lift Operators	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	200
Health Services	96.6	97.1	94.2	-500	2400
Hospitals	40.6	40.7	39.5	-100	1100
MD's & Other Health Practitioners	32.4	32.6	31.9	-200	500
Nursing Facil. & Home Health Care	18.4	18.5	17.7	-100	700
Legal Services	13.7	13.9	13.7	-200	0
Educational Services	13.1	12.5	12.3	600	800
Social Services	21.3	20.5	20.5	800	800
Membership Organizations	22.2	22.9	22.1	-700	100
Engineering & Management Services	41.3	41.3	38.9	0	2400
Agricultural Services	8.6	9.4	8.2	-800	400
GOVERNMENT	273.2	255.4	271.6	17800	1600
Federal Government	56.6	56.9	56.6	-300	0
State Government	66.6	57.6	65.6	9000	1000
State Education	40.8	32.5	40.5	8300	300
Local Government	150.0	140.9	149.4	9100	600
Local Education	78.7	64.6	78.5	14100	200
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	894.8	895.1	865.2	-300	29600
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	32.8	39.5	36.5	-6700	-3700
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.4	4.2	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	862.0	855.6	828.7	6400	33300
Nonagricultural 5/	853.4	846.1	821.5	7300	31900
Agricultural	8.6	9.5	7.2	-900	1400
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	841.9	836.3	822.7	5600	19200
GOODS PRODUCING	143.6	144.9	139.7	-1300	3900
SERVICE PRODUCING	698.3	691.4	683.0	6900	15300
MINING	11.3	11.3	11.8	0	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.2	9.2	9.5	0	-300
CONSTRUCTION	36.4	36.5	32.3	-100	4100
General Building Contractors	6.0	6.1	6.4	-100	-400
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	9.1	8.9	5.7	200	3400
Special Trade Contractors	21.3	21.5	20.2	-200	1100
MANUFACTURING	95.9	97.1	95.6	-1200	300
Durable Goods	50.0	50.5	50.6	-500	-600
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	3.1	3.0	2.9	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4.8	4.9	4.8	-100	0
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	7.3	7.3	7.4	0	-100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	6.5	6.6	6.4	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	45.9	46.6	45.0	-700	900
Food & Kindred Products	14.3	14.5	14.0	-200	300
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	3.4	3.3	3.2	100	200
Paper & Allied Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	100
Printing & Publishing	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.5	7.8	7.1	-300	400
Petroleum, Coal & Plastic Products	5.1	5.4	5.2	-300	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	68.4	68.6	67.9	-200	500
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	14.6	14.5	13.8	100	800
Transportation by Air	16.6	16.9	17.1	-300	-500
Communications	22.2	22.3	22.4	-100	-200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	6.6	6.6	6.4	0	200
TRADE	204.7	205.8	201.0	-1100	3700
Wholesale Trade	56.8	56.7	56.2	100	600
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	37.3	37.2	37.0	100	300
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	19.5	19.5	19.2	0	300
Retail Trade	147.9	149.1	144.8	-1200	3100
General Merchandise,Accessory Stores	24.2	24.5	24.5	-300	-300
Food Stores	23.9	23.3	22.9	600	1000
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	15.3	15.4	15.1	-100	200
Eating & Drinking Places	53.6	55.0	53.1	-1400	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	64.1	64.2	63.9	-100	200
Depository Institutions	14.6	14.6	14.5	0	100
Nondepository Institutions	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	-100
Insurance	20.0	20.0	19.9	0	100
Real Estate	14.6	14.7	14.3	-100	300
SERVICES	229.8	231.1	221.1	-1300	8700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.4	11.4	11.3	0	100
Personal Services	9.3	9.1	8.9	200	400
Business Services	56.7	56.8	54.0	-100	2700
Amusement & Rec. Svc., Inc. Motion Pic	12.1	13.5	11.7	-1400	400
Health Services	54.6	54.8	53.3	-200	1300
Hospitals	24.4	24.5	24.2	-100	200
Legal Services	10.0	10.1	9.9	-100	100
Educational Services	10.0	8.9	8.5	1100	1500
Social Services	11.0	11.0	10.5	0	500
Engineering & Management Services	25.1	25.0	24.1	100	1000
Agricultural Services	5.1	5.5	4.8	-400	300
GOVERNMENT	131.3	121.7	129.1	9600	2200
Federal Government	33.0	33.3	32.7	-300	300
State Government	28.1	25.2	27.6	2900	500
State Education	11.0	8.8	10.8	2200	200
Local Government	70.2	63.2	68.8	7000	1400
Local Education	38.0	30.1	37.2	7900	800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA AND COLORADO SPRINGS MSA
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	138.1	135.8	134.6	2300	3500
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	4.1	4.6	4.5	-500	-400
Unemployment (%)	2.9	3.4	3.3	-500	-400
EMPLOYMENT	134.0	131.2	130.1	2800	3900
Nonagricultural 5/	132.0	129.0	128.4	3000	3600
Agricultural	2.0	2.2	1.7	-200	300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	116.3	113.6	115.1	2700	1200
GOODS PRODUCING	34.6	34.5	35.0	100	-400
SERVICE PRODUCING	81.7	79.1	80.1	2600	1600
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	100
MANUFACTURING	30.4	30.3	30.9	100	-500
Durable Goods	23.9	24.0	24.9	-100	-1000
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.3	6.0	200	500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
TRADE	25.0	24.4	24.1	600	900
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.4	3.2	200	400
Retail Trade	21.4	21.0	20.9	400	500
Eating & Drinking Places	8.8	8.6	8.4	200	400
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	12.6	12.4	12.5	200	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
Depository & Nondepository Institution	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICES	27.9	28.2	26.7	-300	1200
GOVERNMENT	22.2	19.9	22.7	2300	-500
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	100
State Government	10.1	8.5	10.8	1600	-700
State Education	9.9	8.2	10.5	1700	-600
Local Government	9.4	8.7	9.3	700	100
Local Education	5.0	3.7	5.0	1300	0
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	191.2	192.3	189.4	-1100	2500
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	9.4	11.2	10.9	-1800	-1500
Unemployment (%)	4.9	5.8	5.8	-900	-900
EMPLOYMENT	182.5	181.8	178.5	700	4000
Nonagricultural 5/	180.9	180.0	177.1	900	3800
Agricultural	1.6	1.8	1.4	-200	200
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	156.2	155.7	154.9	500	1300
GOODS PRODUCING	31.3	31.0	32.6	300	-1300
SERVICE PRODUCING	124.9	124.7	122.3	200	2600
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	7.0	7.1	7.5	-100	-500
MANUFACTURING	24.3	23.9	25.1	400	-800
Durable Goods	18.4	18.4	19.6	0	-1200
Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.5	5.5	400	400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	5.8	0	400
TRADE	37.2	37.0	35.8	200	1400
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	200
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	200
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Retail Trade	31.8	31.6	30.6	200	1200
Eating & Drinking Places	13.3	13.3	12.7	0	600
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	18.5	18.3	17.9	200	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	8.8	9.0	9.1	-200	-300
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	-100
SERVICES	44.5	44.7	42.6	-200	1900
GOVERNMENT	28.2	27.8	29.0	400	-800
Federal Government	9.4	9.4	9.8	0	-400
State Government	2.8	2.3	2.7	500	100
State Education	2.1	1.6	2.0	500	100
Local Government	16.0	16.1	16.5	-100	-500
Local Education	8.0	7.2	8.5	800	-500
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	September 1990 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	August 1990 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	6027	5748	279	4.6	--	6058	5722	336	5.5
Archuleta	2663	2525	138	5.2	--	2670	2549	121	4.5
Baca	2256	2230	26	1.2	--	2363	2305	58	2.5
Bent	2340	2201	139	5.9	--	2296	2229	67	2.9
Chaffee	6618	6339	279	4.2	--	6977	6604	373	5.3
Cheyenne	1093	1084	9	0.8	--	1128	1109	19	1.7
Clear Creek	2492	2366	126	5.1	--	2572	2425	147	5.7
Co. Springs MSA	191928	182497	9431	4.9	--	192969	181784	11185	5.8
Conejos	2443	2259	184	7.5	--	2722	2297	425	15.6
Costilla	1105	1010	95	8.6	--	1132	1000	132	11.7
Crowley	1741	1629	112	6.4	--	1713	1657	56	3.3
Custer	765	737	28	3.7	--	773	745	28	3.6
Delta	8375	7914	461	5.5	--	8637	8016	621	7.2
Den-Bldr CMSA	1032751	995924	36827	3.6	--	1030929	986865	44064	4.3
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	138013	133952	4061	2.9	--	135848	131245	4603	3.4
-Denver MSA	894738	861972	32766	3.7	--	895081	855620	39461	4.4
---Adams	150199	144070	6129	4.1	--	150537	143008	7529	5.0
---Arapahoe	217455	210666	6789	3.1	--	217103	209114	7989	3.7
---Denver	266407	255049	11358	4.3	--	267014	253169	13845	5.2
---Douglas	23637	22877	760	3.2	--	23691	22708	983	4.1
---Jefferson	237040	229310	7730	3.3	--	236737	227621	9116	3.9
Dolores	1085	1048	37	3.4	--	1100	1057	43	3.9
Eagle	11998	11498	500	4.2	--	12425	12022	403	3.2
Elbert	3851	3684	167	4.3	--	3923	3733	190	4.8
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	101067	97897	3170	3.1	--	101483	97693	3790	3.7
Fremont	11665	11083	582	5.0	--	11884	11267	617	5.2
Garfield	16286	15533	753	4.6	--	16657	15691	966	5.8
Gilpin	1685	1666	19	1.1	--	2168	2136	32	1.5
Grand	4755	4601	154	3.2	--	4874	4788	86	1.8
Greeley MSA	73253	70624	2629	3.6	--	73615	70454	3161	4.3
Gunnison	5327	5162	165	3.1	--	5129	4944	185	3.6
Hinsdale	531	527	4	0.8	--	623	619	4	0.6
Huerfano	2359	2257	102	4.3	--	2442	2285	157	6.4
Jackson	955	936	19	2.0	--	970	953	17	1.8
Kiowa	1008	1001	7	0.7	--	1043	1032	11	1.1
Kit Carson	4224	4109	115	2.7	--	4290	4232	58	1.4
Lake	1536	1419	117	7.6	--	1542	1410	132	8.6
La Plata	16761	16045	716	4.3	--	16962	16313	649	3.8
Las Animas	4875	4624	251	5.1	--	4936	4600	336	6.8
Lincoln	2532	2439	93	3.7	--	2571	2493	78	3.0
Logan	9624	9379	245	2.5	--	9823	9538	285	2.9
Mesa	42990	41145	1845	4.3	--	44081	41462	2619	5.9
Mineral	215	213	2	0.9	--	253	249	4	1.6
Moffat	5001	4770	231	4.6	--	5005	4770	235	4.7
Montezuma	9667	9195	472	4.9	--	9704	9208	496	5.1
Montrose	12050	11593	457	3.8	--	12296	11626	670	5.4
Morgan	10421	9928	493	4.7	--	10606	10035	571	5.4
Otero	8896	8450	446	5.0	--	9283	8768	515	5.5
Ouray	2305	2232	73	3.2	--	2334	2243	91	3.9
Park	3762	3606	156	4.1	--	3779	3598	181	4.8
Phillips	2336	2301	35	1.5	--	2436	2361	75	3.1
Pitkin	8198	7798	400	4.9	--	9089	8774	315	3.5
Pr[illegible]s	6458	6220	238	3.7	--	6660	6261	399	6.0
P[illegible].o MSA	52562	49825	2737	5.2	--	52903	49613	3290	6.2
[illegible] Blanco	2858	2808	50	1.7	--	2917	2798	119	4.1
Rio Grande	4984	4616	368	7.4	--	5333	4671	662	12.4
Routt	7635	7295	340	4.5	--	7742	7494	248	3.2
Saguache	1665	1479	186	11.2	--	1995	1523	472	23.7
San Juan	696	689	7	1.0	--	760	678	82	10.8
San Miguel	2376	2300	76	3.2	--	2390	2310	80	3.3
Sedgwick	1518	1483	35	2.3	--	1632	1513	119	7.3
Summit	8067	7827	240	3.0	--	8480	8167	313	3.7
Teller	6390	6141	249	3.9	--	6484	6186	298	4.6
Washington	2679	2612	67	2.5	--	2780	2698	82	2.9
Yuma	5059	4981	78	1.5	--	5264	5120	144	2.7
COLORADO	1746767	1679501	67266	3.9	--	1755603	1674693	80910	4.6

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
January 1990 - September 1990

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6121	5738	383	6.3
Archuleta	2641	2462	179	6.8
Baca	2402	2331	71	3.0
Bent	2283	2184	99	4.3
Chaffee	6656	6249	407	6.1
Cheyenne	1147	1115	32	2.8
Clear Creek	2703	2520	183	6.8
Co. Springs MSA	191370	179129	12241	6.4
Conejos	2652	2296	356	13.4
Costilla	1112	974	138	12.4
Crowley	1722	1661	61	3.5
Custer	786	742	44	5.6
Delta	8525	7831	694	8.1
Den-Bldr CMSA	1020103	973490	46613	4.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	136448	131295	5153	3.8
-Denver MSA	883655	842195	41460	4.7
---Adams	149057	140765	8292	5.6
---Arapahoe	213860	205833	8027	3.8
---Denver	263757	249197	14560	5.5
---Douglas	23318	22352	966	4.1
---Jefferson	233664	224049	9615	4.1
Dolores	1091	1044	47	4.3
Eagle	14078	13311	767	5.4
Elbert	3924	3685	239	6.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	98096	93726	4370	4.5
Fremont	11620	10816	804	6.9
Garfield	15818	14951	867	5.5
Gilpin	1704	1644	60	3.5
Grand	5397	5165	232	4.3
Greeley MSA	72486	68886	3600	5.0
Gunnison	5817	5527	290	5.0
Hinsdale	498	485	13	2.6
Huerfano	2437	2236	201	8.2
Jackson	971	929	42	4.3
Kiowa	1068	1042	26	2.4
Kit Carson	4288	4213	75	1.7
Lake	1553	1383	170	10.9
La Plata	16625	15792	833	5.0
Las Animas	5026	4627	399	7.9
Lincoln	2541	2457	84	3.3
Logan	9627	9311	316	3.3
Mesa	42661	40041	2620	6.1
Mineral	231	210	21	9.1
Moffat	5005	4653	352	7.0
Montezuma	9204	8509	695	7.6
Montrose	12097	11218	879	7.3
Morgan	10480	9899	581	5.5
Otero	8892	8225	667	7.5
Ouray	1908	1768	140	7.3
Park	3522	3318	204	5.8
Phillips	2422	2363	59	2.4
Pitkin	9754	9213	541	5.5
Prowers	6495	6137	358	5.5
Pueblo MSA	51352	47809	3543	6.9
Rio Blanco	2897	2772	125	4.3
Rio Grande	4987	4500	487	9.8
Routt	8612	8171	441	5.1
Saguache	1803	1527	276	15.3
San Juan	605	557	48	7.9
San Miguel	2759	2584	175	6.3
Sedgwick	1571	1514	57	3.6
Summit	9541	9141	400	4.2
Teller	5850	5519	331	5.7
Washington	2790	2708	82	2.9
Yuma	5233	5089	144	2.8
COLORADO	1735560	1647398	88162	5.1

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 2/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$533.13	$517.86	$472.69	41.2	40.3	36.9	$12.94	$12.85	$12.81
MANUFACTURING	$463.61	$457.44	$424.04	41.1	41.1	40.5	$11.28	$11.13	$10.47
Durable Goods	$463.78	$453.18	$428.04	42.2	41.5	41.0	$10.99	$10.92	$10.44
Nondurable Goods	$464.11	$461.03	$416.85	39.6	40.3	39.7	$11.72	$11.44	$10.50

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 2/ 1990	AUG 3/ 1990	SEP 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$566.82	$541.20	$486.50	42.3	41.0	36.8	$13.40	$13.20	$13.22
MANUFACTURING	$508.64	$515.71	$467.08	40.4	40.8	40.3	$12.59	$12.64	$11.59
Durable Goods	$525.00	$532.13	$473.06	42.0	42.3	41.1	$12.50	$12.58	$11.51
Nondurable Goods	$493.25	$499.11	$460.19	38.9	39.3	39.4	$12.68	$12.70	$11.68

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	SEP 1989
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	8,086	8,898	8,303	4,088	4,776	4,253
Continued Claims	68,655	83,617	70,272	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated.	51,061	64,561	54,450	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$8,621,468	$10,548,073	$8,862,739	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$285,965,451	$292,398,078	$219,570,766	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	13,379	16,170	14,793	6,266	7,922	7,206
Nonagricultural Placements	6,046	8,202	6,734	1,846	2,580	1,819
Agricultural Placements	483	702	829	208	386	432

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

August 1990 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	126,012	1755.6	1725.1	490.6	405.7	705.8	808.7	245.1
Unemployment	6,837	80.9	97.7	24.4	17.7	42.8	35.3	9.8
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.4	4.6	5.7	5.0	4.4	6.1	4.4	4.0
Employment	119,174	1674.7	1627.4	466.2	388.0	663.0	773.4	235.3

Iraq's invasion of Kuwait caused gasoline prices to soar this summer.

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1989 benchmark utilizing 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the Regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 56,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they are ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed. i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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